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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 6591
Gary Karlin Michelson)	
Serial No.: 10/669,287)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: September 24, 2003)	Examiner: Thomas Barrett
For: EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE)	
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT)	
WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION)	
DURING INSERTION)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Petitioner ("applicant/owner") Gary Karlin Michelson, residing at 13140 Boca De Canon Lane, Los Angeles, California 90049 represents that he is the only applicant/owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Serial No. 10/669,287 filed September 24, 2003 for EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION DURING INSERTION and is the only applicant/owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to application Serial No. 09/772,309, filed January 29, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,709,458), for EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION DURING INSERTION. Applicant/owner Gary Karlin Michelson further represents through his representative, that to the best of his knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application and the United States Patent No. 6,709,458 are in applicant/owner, which is submitting this Terminal Disclaimer.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, applicant/owner Gary Karlin Michelson hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application, Serial No. 10/669,287, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 6,709,458 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to

United States Patent No. 6,709,458, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, applicant/owner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on application Serial No. 10/669,287 that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of Patent No. 6,709,458, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that Patent No. 6,709,458: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of applicant/owner Gary Karlin Michelson.

Respectfully submitted,

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